THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO-SCINDIA); (a) The contract was awarded to M|s. Railway Cycle Stand Karamchari Shram Samvida Sahkari Samiti Ltd., Allahabad for a period of 4 months in view of the operational needs and safeguarding the .financial & administrative interests of the " Railway Administration.

(b)" M|s. Cycle Stand Karamchari Shram Samvida Sahkari Samiti worked from 22-2-87 to 21-6.87 for coal handling cinder picking and ash handling work at Allahabad and the deductions on different accounts are given id th© Statement. *(See* below).

(c) Penalties were levied on the Society in terms of the provisions of the contract, details Of which have been furnished as at <b) above.

Statement

Deduction ' *Nort-Stackins Penalty and Penally for Cinder Shortage Etc.) it Lj-0 Shed Allakabzul Work Done By M/S. Railway Cycle Stand Karamchari Shri Ram Samvida Sahkari Samiti Ltd. Allahabad For the Period* 22-2-87 To' 21-6-87.

Month	Engine detention	D murr-rage	Penalty for non-stacking	Penalty for cinder shortage
	Rs. P.	Rs. P.	Rs. P.	Rs. P.
Feb. '87 (22-2-87 to 28-2-87)	——	50·40	——	——
March, 87	——	38·64	163·70	——
April, 87	80·00	285·60	286·30	1715·70
May, 87	120·00	1364·46	85·60	——
June. 87 (up to 21-6-87)	20·00	1759·08	·516·20	1719·27

Announcements in Aircraft in regional language

381. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be .pieased to referto reply to Unstarred Question No. 1785 given in Rajya Sabha on llth March, 1987 and state whether. Government propose to introduce announcements in regional languages in the aircraft at different airports, besides those in English and Hindi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI IAGDISH TYTLER): There is no such proposal to introduce announcements in regional languages in the aircraft at different airports, besides those in English and Hindi. All inflight announcements in Indian Airlines flights are made in Hindi and Englishj ground announcements, wherever made by Indian Airlines, are done in regional language also, in addition to Hindi and English, Air-India also make announcements in Tamil on the India|Kaulalumpur|Singa-pore|India Sector and in Malayalam on Trivandrum|Gulf|Trivandrum flights in addition to English and Hindi.

Poor telephone service in southern states

382. SHRI M. VINCENT; Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pieased to state:

(a) whether it is a .fact that telephone fault rectification and telephone main tenance and service is comparatively very poor, in the four southern states of the country; and

(b) if so, what steps Government pro pose to take to rectify the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY. OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV); (a) No, Sir. Performance of Southern States is comparatively better than other zones.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Weekly oral contraceptive for women

3S3. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state; .

(a) whether Government (Drugs Controller) have approved the use of once a week oral contraceptive for women; and

(b) whether any clinical trial have been made in this regard and if *so with* what result?

THE MINISTER.OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE); (a) and (b) Information is being collecetd and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha in due course.

Three language formula)

'384**.** SHRI M. VINCENT; Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to slate the number of non-Hindi language States which have opted to teach and promote the three language formula; the number of States and the number of institutions that have adopted Tamil as the third language?

' THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI); All the States have, in principle, accepted the Three Language Formula except Tamil Nadu which is implementing a two lan-e formula. In the Union Territory of Pondicherry, in Pondicherry and Karaikal language formula is implemented whereas in Mahe and Yanam three language formula is implemented. Assam accepted the three language formula but subsequently it has been revising the arrangements for teaching of languages. Assam Government has reported that the arrangements in th's regard are still being worked out and at present a two lan- age formula comprising of the mother . tongue as the first language and English as the second language is under mple-*i* mentation. According to the information collected by the Ministry recently, 6 Sta-.. tes|UTs in the Country at present allow j teaching of Tamil as the Third language.

Importance of the preventive and curative aspects in the Health Sciences

385. SHRI M.' VINCENT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government have any proposal under their consideration to give more importance to preventive aspect than the curative side in Health services;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government are aware that the W.H.O. has recently stressed the im portance of increasing the use of preven tive medicines all over the world, especia lly that in over populated country like ours?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Keeping in view the importance of prevention of diseases, the Govt. of. India have shifted the emphasis from curative to preventive and promotive aspects of health care during the recent Plan periods and have launched programmes against several communicable diseases like malaria, filaria, leprosy, tuberculosis, diarrhoeal diseases, kala-azar. STD andd in non-communicable diseases like cancer, Blindness, Mental Health etc. These Programmes include early identification and health education, environmental improvement through Vector Control and other measures, and im-munoprophylaxis and also treatment of the cases. There is thus integration of preventive and curative measures through a primary Health Care. System. The Government have also launched an Universal Immunization Programme against 'diph-ia, pertussis, tetanus, measles, tuberculosis and typhoid.